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SOLDIERS AND PROHIBITION.

NEW ZEALAND furnishes a fair test of the sentiment of the men who fought for their country when taken in connection with the prohibition movement. The result officially announced was 3900 for prohibition and 15389 against. The same ratio would undoubtedly exist in this country where the dry sentiment is not so strongly expressed as in the older and more conservative states of the British colony. This demonstrates that the men who went to war, in a majority of cases, were against the movement that robbed them of their rights and it is unfortunate that the great state of Nevada made no attempt to see that our boys overseas were given a chance to register their preference either way. The British colonies did better than the United States in this respect, for the election machinery did not rob any man of his electoral rights but gave him every opportunity to share in the administration of the laws just as though he were at home and registered in his home precinct. Had the same privilege been extended to our boys the result might have been different, or at least they would have had the satisfaction of knowing that they were recognized as determining factors in the greatest state issue in the commonwealth which they honored by giving their services to the cause of freedom. The grave injury was not alone in neglecting the boys abroad and at home but in many instances robbing them of valuable business which they had built up by years of close attention to the wants of customers and in entering to a legitimate trade. These men, upon returning found their pursuits classified with the outlawed classes without a solitary chance to realize on what they had invested. They found their occupations gone without any explanation and without reference to them on the important detail of furnishing them with a livelihood. The state took away what they had without a thought of making reparation for the injury inflicted and treated the returned owners as outcasts from society who were thrust on the mercies of a cold world to rustle a living the best they could. This fact is going to cut an important figure in the eventual determination of the dry legislation in every state of the union where the men were robbed of their electoral rights and, when the time comes for the legal determination of the legality of the dry movement in Nevada it will be found that the absent soldiers will be vindicated by the highest courts in the land.

HARD ROCK MINING.

A LEVER writer once said that the mining industry was represented by two elements which always cut a wide swath in every mining boom. He catalogued these factors as "Shining Marks and Mining Sharks," an euphemistic designation which has clung to the promotion business ever since the days of George Graham Rice, the apostle of adventure with other people's money and the advocate of wholesale destruction of legitimate business. At some future day when the history of the Divide boom is written the historian will look back on the sudden awakening of the universe with the conclusion that the Divide did not harbor either class of citizens. There are no shining marks in the game as it is played today, for the entrance fee is so high and admissions so rigorously censored that none but the men born to the game have found an opening for their money. The mining shark has found at last that he is persona non grata in the most conservative mining community in the United States where the business has been singularly devoid of any sensational development and its success due to determination and persistence without the aid of outside capital. Tonopah has decried the methods of the mining booster for the reason that this camp has always appealed to investors through channels marked plainly on financial matters as safe courses to travel. The same principles apply to all recent promotions on the outskirts of the camp which was built up and established on the success of the tactics employed in digging seventeen millions of dividends from the drab hillsides of Mount Oddie and Mount Brougher. Every mining proposition originating in Tonopah, or with Tonopah for the field of effort, was backed by the records of dead ends and the valiant stand taken by local operators to keep out characters who would rather exploit the local mining field for their own personal aggrandizement rather than engage in a scientific research for mineral wealth.

The Divide district starts out with a prestige never possessed by any other new camp through the fact that every company is financed for a long and arduous campaign if it should come to the point where extraordinary effort is required to develop a return on the investment. The confidence of the outside world is engendered by consultation with the two local banks which serve as depositories for every company beginning operations in the Gold Mountain district. The facts are easily ascertained through regular banking channels, as there is no disposition on the part of the local bankers to either conceal or magnify the business accruing through recent development funds. Inquiry will bring the information that within the past six weeks deposits have increased from approximately three-quarters of a million to close to two million dollars. The surplus above the normal represents mainly the deposits of companies organized to operate in the Divide district. Every dollar of this enormous total is going into the ground with a voucher for every cent taken from the bank setting forth what use is made of the money and explaining in detail how it is expended. This is the legitimate form of mining, and, of itself, offers a demonstration of the principles that are attracting other large deposits to the local banks for the same purpose of competing in the grand free for all race for the ore-bodies of the Divide and adjacent districts. These examples make the Divide district the shining mark of all mining investments which, taken at the outset furnishes a criterion that other

companies must follow if they are to retain the confidence of the public.

The return of George Creel indicates the belief that the American people need a little more of the kind of propaganda this administration has made famous.

A college professor writes The National Republican, reminding it that we are not living in George Washington's day. It isn't necessary to be reminded of that. The only suggestion of Washington about this administration is the name of the boat it has used to conduct the First and Second crusades.

Whenever a problem can't be settled without too much trouble by a town meeting, the usual procedure is to confess incompetency by referring the subject to a committee. The diplomats at Paris seem disposed to use the league of nations scheme as an excuse for dodging its real job of determining the questions arising from the war.

So long as even the sectional differences which divided several of the great American religious bodies during the Civil war period cannot be reconciled and the reunion of these organizations perfected despite repeated efforts, we somehow doubt the validity of the pulp statements that humanity has been born anew, and internationalism is at hand.

The Democratic politicians are terribly worried about the future of the soldiers, but they were not sufficiently carried away with their enthusiasm over them to make provision in the census bill that the men conscripted for military service should have first chance at the hundred thousand jobs created in that measure.

The Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch says that everywhere in the country except in the capital at Washington everybody is trying to be non-partisan. The non-partisanship of a southern Democratic newspaper is always diverting. It is like the catholicity of the preacher at the Methodist conference who said it was now time to be broad and end all denominationalism by having everybody unite "in one grand old Methodist church."

HARNEY MINE AT POCHE HAS STRIKE

The sensational discovery of silver-lead ore on the Donohue and Stindt lease in the Harney mine, a mile east of Poche, was visited during the week by a representative of the Poche Record. The discovery makes one of the most interesting chapters in the mining history of Poche and the ore body already opened up in one stop, with a face at galena carrying the usual high silver values and the handsome average of \$20 in gold, and opened for a stopping distance of about 30 feet and for a

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All hoisting is done by windlass and an idea of the value of the output was gathered by timing the hoisting for an hour, the buckets reaching the top of the shaft every two minutes. Loaded as they were with 300 pounds of ore, it was an easy computation to estimate the output at \$7.50 per minute, as the ore is worth 5 cents per pound.

To the miner the ore, both in the face of the stop and in the ore bins presents a beautiful sight. Added to the natural beauty of the steel galena are the brilliant colorings due to copper, of which the ore carries a small percentage. Its coloring and weight carries conviction of richness to even the inexperienced, while to the most altruistic of miners there must come a momentary flash of envy.

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SEAWEED USED IN MAKING CONCRETE

(The Associated Press) LONDON, April 16.—A novel use has been found here for seaweed. Combined with crushed slag and other heretofore neglected waste material products, it is used to make a kind of concrete out of which are being fashioned building bricks and blocks. The seaweed acts as a binding and strengthening element.

Arrangements are being made to put up a large number of houses composed entirely of these blocks, and it is predicted that the material, owing to its cheapness, will aid in solving the housing problem.

Not only the foundations and walls, but the doors, window frames and mantel pieces are to be constructed of the new concrete. The houses are to be made in sections and bolted together. The window frame is a new idea in itself. The glass, in one large pane, slips into a slot and the edges of molding are then turned over, so as to grip it. To mend a broken window will be a simple matter and will not require the services of a glazier.

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